From the early explorers to 1975. Course objectives: The objectives of this history course are: (1) to guide students in the gathering, analyzing, and use of historical materials from primary sources; (2) to create an understanding of the impact of change (in political or societal thought and in science and technology) upon Texas and broader societies; (3) to prepare an individual to teach Texas history; (4) to create an understanding of the many factors which determine the development of a region; (5) to enable students to analyze historical problems; (6) to establish a sense of the chronology of Texas history as a basis for understanding other fields of study and contemporary public life; (7) to assess the development of the Texas mystique.

Text: Fehrenbach – LONE STAR

The course will employ the seminar method. The class meets for discussion of the assigned material, student presentations, or written exams. Students should keep pace with the topics scheduled by reading appropriate sections of the text. Students are expected to deliver topical summaries and lead discussions during the class meetings; others in the class are expected to participate in the discussions. After one unexcused absence, the student’s grade will be lowered 5% of the final grade per absence to a total of 10%. Students demonstrate their currency in an exam covering this material. Essay writing and objective questions characterize all examinations.

Students should prepare: A one-paged description of a historic Texas city.
A one-paged biographical vignette of a woman in Texas history.
A ten-paged research paper on a 19th century topic in Texas history. OR
A project on Texas history.
A one-paged biographical vignette of a historian of Texas.
An annotated list of 10 primary sources on assigned topics.

Formal presentations adhere to THE CHICAGO MANUAL OF STYLE. The term paper or project should be approved by the professor by the spring break.

Grading: Classroom presentations 10%
Written Presentations 15%
Term paper or Project 25%
Written exams 30%
Class attendance and participation in class discussion 10%
Comprehensive Final Exam 10%
January 20  1st meeting
January 23  Discussion and assignment meeting
January 25  Discussion and assignment meeting
January 30  Geography of Texas
February 6  Explorations and Spanish Rule
February 13 Mexican Rule and the Revolution
February 15 Exam I
February 20 The Republic of Texas
February 27 Statehood to the Civil War
March 1    The Civil War and Reconstruction in Texas
March 6    Exam II
March 20   The Frontier, Texas Social Institutions, and Political Reform
March 27   Turn of the Century Texas
March 29   Texas 1910-1930
April 3    Exam III
April 10   Written work due
April 10   The Great Depression and World War II
April 17   Texas 1945-1959
April 24   Texas 1959-1975
April May 1 Final Meeting
May 15 at noon comprehensive final
WOMEN

Jane Long
Oveta Culp Hobby
Miriam Ferguson
Elizabeth Ney
Ima Hogg
Mildred Didrikson Zaharias
Barbara Jordan
Sarah T. Hughes
Juanita S. Craft
Cynthia Ann Parker
Sarah H. Cockrell
TOWNS

Nacogdoches
Jefferson
Salado
Fredericksburg
Goliad
Galveston
Huntsville
La Grange
Beaumont
Bastrop
Bandera
Wimberley
HISTORIANS

Charles W. Ramsdell

Eugene C. Barker

Walter Prescott Webb

J. Frank Dobie

Carlos E. Casteneda

Joe B. Frantz

Virginia Bernhard

Robert Maxwell

David J. Weber

Llerena Friend
Geography of Texas

GEOGRAPHY

Regions: The Gulf Coast Plains
          East Texas Piney Woods
          Central Texas Prairie

          Cross Timbers Region
          North Texas Rolling Plains
          High Plains

          Edwards Plateau
          South Texas Plain
          Basin and Mountain Region

Rivers: Sabine
        Red
        Rio Grande

        Trinity
        Neches
        San Jacinto

        Brazos
        Colorado
        Nueces

        Guadalupe
        San Antonio
        Canadian

Climate

Prehistoric Sites
Exploration and Spanish Rule

Spanish and French Explorers

Expansion to East Texas

Life in Spanish Texas: the Missions

Life in Spanish Texas: Civil Settlements

Political and Military Affairs

Results of the Louisiana Purchase

Spain, Texas, and the US

The First Anglo Settlers

Mexican Rule and the Revolution

The Mexican Revolution

The Old 300 and the Expansion of Colonization

Santa Anna and the Politics of Mexico

The Alamo

The Birth of the Republic

The War in South Texas

The Battle of San Jacinto

Civil Support for the Texas Revolution
The Republic of Texas

The Election of 1836
Houston’s Administrations
Lamar’s Administration
Land Policy of the Republic and Immigrant Agents
The Growth of Anglo Settlement in Texas
Relations with the US
Relations with European Powers
Relations with Mexico

Statehood to the Civil War

Annexation and the New State Government
The War with Mexico
The Boundary Dispute with New Mexico
The State of Texas: Politics and Debt
The Extension of Anglo Settlement and Life on the Farm
The Indian Frontier
Slaves and the Plantation System
Urban Areas and Occupations
The Civil War and Reconstruction in Texas

Tension and Secession

Texas and the CSA Government

Opponents of the CSA

Fighting Texans

Presidential Reconstruction

Congressional Reconstruction

Radical Republican Home Rule

The Legacy of Reconstruction: Politics, Economics, and Society

The Frontier, Texas Social Institutions, and Political Reform

The Constitution of 1876

Amending the Constitution

Politics and Personalities 1874-1890

The Railroads and the Changing Economy

The Defeat and Removal of the Indians

The Cattle Kingdom

The Advance of the Farmers

Law Enforcement
**Turn of the Century Texas**

Reform and James Hogg

Populism

Sayers and Lanham

The Galveston Flood

Life on the Farms and in the Small Towns

Urbanization

Oil and the Emergence of an Industrial Economy

Education

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**Texas 1910-1930**

Colquitt

Prohibition

Fergusonism

Texas in WWI

The KKK

Moody

The Expanding Economy

Life in the 1920’s
The Great Depression and World War II

Hard Times: the Politics of Poverty
Relief and Reform
Industry, Oil, and Transport
Agriculture in the Depression
Conservation
The Politics of Recovery
Texas in WWII
Texans in WWII

Texas 1945-1959
The Jester Years: Politics
The Jester Years: Education
Shivers: State and Federal
The ‘Red Scare’ in Texas
Suffrage
Segregation
Economic Growth
Urban Change
Texas 1959-1975

The Election of 1960

Johnson and Connally

Civil Rights

NASA

Sharpstown

Constitutional Revision

Widening Economic Ties

Social Diversity